(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what were the prices of these items three months back?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) The rise in prices of onion, potato and garlic during 1986 has been because of lower production due to adverse weather conditions. The July, 1986 month-end, whole sale prices of onion, potato and garlic at selected markets are given in the statement attached.

Statement

July, 1986 Month end wholesale Prices of Onion, Potato and Garlic ruled at selected Markets

(Rs. per Quintal)

Commodity	Market	Month end price
		July, 1986
Onion	Delhi	85
	Calcutta	165
	Bombay	105
Potato	Delhi	240
	Calcutta	260
	Bombay	310
Garlic	Hyderabad	1450
	Jamnagar	1750

Dry land farming in Meghalaya

1172. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of AGRICUTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the states where modern methods of dry land farming have been implemented so far;

(b) whether such scheme was also launched in Meghalaya during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if so, the name of the scheme undertaken in Meghalaya during the Sixth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Development of dry land farming through modern methods, has been taken up by implementation of various state and Central sector schemes. The States covered are—Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharshtra, Manipur, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pardesh and West Bengal.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

National Rural Employment Programme in Meghalaya

1173. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount sanctioned under the National Rural Employment Programme to Meghalaya during the current financial year;

(b) the number of persons benefited under the programme in Meghalaya till date;